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#### THE DRINK QUESTION.

The falsehood and the frequent meeting of extremes have been incorporated into aphorisms. It is almost, if not quite, universally true that accurate judgment of rights or remedies is the expression of what the French graphically call the "juste milieu" or a middle position between radically conflicting views. Lord Falkland, one of the great statesmen of the seventeenth century, said that a man who was capable of unerring reasoning and balanced conclusions, at one time or another in his career, would differ from almost every faction in existence. This has been forcibly proved by the history of the Democratic party in the United States, which, for the greater part of a century, from the premises it adopted, had a definite opinion upon the proper mode of interpreting and applying our political institutions, but, when W. J. Bryan and the St. Louis and Chicago platforms undertook the task of grafting European socialism and democracy upon the fundamental creed of the party, its best thinkers, its wisest statesmen, and its soundest followers were thrown out of the organization and have mostly taken up their quarters, provisionally or permanently, in the Republican fold.

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Extreme views on the drink question, sometimes incorporated into legislation, and lacking the element of proper discrimination, have retarded a reform, which has nevertheless, under the pressure of modern civilization, irregularly proceeded. There is a strong opposition in the modern world to sumptuary legislation, which undertakes to control individual tastes. In London, for example, many years ago, a crusade against the bakers arose from the alleged discovery that they used gin in leavening bread. One enterprising baker started a shop in the heart of the city and put up a sign: "Bread sold here with the gin in it." He made a fortune in a short time. Prohibitory legislation, and even local option, in the United

States have excited vigorous antagonism. and their indulgences produce no appreciable effect upon themselves or the com- I hope with reservations, that when Kuhio comes back he will be a Home Ruler. munity. If this were not true, the earth would be a pandemonium in six months.

nevertheless drink too much and both injure themselves and hold up bad exnevertheless drink too much and both injure themselves and hold up bad ex- day of the present session; even Chauncey Depew learned it by hard knocks when amples. Others, who do not become apparently intoxicated, are nevertheless so he presumed, in the first few months of his senatorial career, to assert himself the heart, the lungs, the liver, are affected, and they frequently die from inanifrom consumption or from corresponding to the most vital function, native country. Kuhib may console himself with the thought that Governor belonging to the Territory, or to any other Country, in his own possession until tion, from fatty degeneration or other organic lesions of the most vital function, that excessive drinking causes, but they are prominent examples. The nervous traceable to the same habit.

rarely, however, that the line of moderation is over-stepped without either exerting a fatal influence or producing secreted misery in the family. Men and women, and even little children, endure poignant grief and restrained agony, of which who are brutalized in their persons, offensive and dangerous to their families and months, in which their whole natures and habits seem to be changed, so that, where their bestiality is held within the grasp of silence and inertness, they are transformed into unrestrained monsters, whose consciences are senseless and until at last the righteous Doctor Jekyll loses his personality in the Satanic Mr. Hyde. It is chiefly in the two last types of immoderates that delirium tremens or the specific disease known as dipsomania is most conspicuously displayed.

to the constitutional lawyer and to trained statesmen. Wherever and whenever the drink habit injuriously affects personal, social or political rights, it comes directly within the compass of inflexible law. But, when genuine will power exists, though weakened through lack of exercise or a habit of indulgence, the question is moral. A man, capable of intellectual action and possessing even the always can, if he will, let the tempting glass fall from between his fingers. Men or women, who are not steeped in the habit of intoxication, are conscious of their own limitations and, if they choose, are able to restrain themselves. Many Claus Spreekels did single handed, and thus compel a division of territory; and men and many women have become total abstainers for the sake of others. It is when the Honolulu merchants comprehend their power to bring steamship in this phase of the question that personal, social and religious influence has been companies to terms, then this Territory will see livelier times than it even had and is most useful. If individuals remain within proper limits and acknowledge obligations outside of themselves, if society, without diminishing but actually increasing its facilities, insists upon sobriety, and to that extent co-operates with the churches and with such world searching bodies as the Salvation Army and the Christian Endeavorers, the gradual elimination of the practice of drink repletion will go on, until a just equilibrium will be made permanent. Another im- publication, private intercourse has somewhat freed the streams of his thought. portant agency in this direction would be the effective suppression of adultera- He is still the earnest patriot. "The Philippines for the Filipinos" is his politics. tion, which ought to be punished as a felony.

should and must interfere. A confirmed inebriate, if he has property left, should be quickly protected by a guardian, selected by the law to conserve and not to waste or plunder his estate, and his body should be taken in charge, placed misrepresented by newspaper writers he says, and even pretentious books about in seclusion, and subjected to treatment that, in a majority of cases, would the country do not always treat the Filipinos in the right light. He maintains restore its soundness, and, with that, mental power and conscientiousness. There can be no successful compromise with this stage of drunkenness. Sufficient force Senorita Lopez, sister of the patriot, passed through Honolulu a short time must be employed to cut off stimulants, efficient medical attention to aid Nature ago after receiving an education in Wellesley College, supplemented with travel can be no successful compromise with this stage of drunkenness. Sufficient force in the work of restoration, and these processes continued until the perceptible in America and Europe. She delivered her first public speech in Boston two danger of relapse has passed. The number of cures of inebriates that have been effected in private and public institutions, into which quackery cannot enter, and where the highest scientific knowledge, combined with appreciation of human weaknesses, is applied, is so great that, if the percentage were worked out into cars during the noon hour. To those patrons of the line who have not been figures, it would surprise even pessimistic reformers.

unhappiness, it will be found that the most successful antidotes to the vice are tion, give a practical demonstration of the art of clearing the teeth. Wooden example and moral suasion, backed by definite religious convictions. In the example and moral suasion, backed by definite religious convictions. In the use the quill pick, which, after exercise can be put away in the vest pocket for sphere of legislation, where it justly applies, much has been done and much re- the next day. mains to be done. The Bible, in which the vast majority of civilized mankind at least profess to believe, is absolutely consistent in its treatment of the question. It does not condemn but prescribes the use of wine, or other stimulants, in occasional aid of digestion or even to promote merriment in the heart. When Peter was told that nothing that God had made was common or unclean, but all things were designed for the use of man, when Bishop Timothy was instructed

are the dominant factors in all true reforms.

Kuhio is Displeased. Little for Delegate. Orators Not Needed. Don't Know Their Strength, Sixto Lopez, The Toothpick Cult. Honolulu's Giant Cop.

Ever since the three hundred political retainers of Delegate Kuhio voted the Home Rule ticket strange rumors have come back from the entourage of their Home Rule ticket strange rumors have come back from the entourage of their on the coast of Hutchinson in quite large blocks as low as \$7 and \$7.50. Hater is an easy and practical way of considering the drink question in this princely leader. By a late mail an occasional correspondent who looks out upon waiian Agricultural which is considered one of the best stocks sold at San Francisco at \$1.75. Republic. Whenever the effects of drink reach and hurt the public or whenever, the passing show from the press gallery of the House, wrote me that Kuhio was cisco at \$175. through drink, a man has lost his will-power and is unfit to govern himself, the disgusted with his inability to move things at Washington and laid it all to the law can and should interfere. Total abstinence, however, cannot be legally en- overshadowing influence of Governor Carter. "What the Governor wants, he forced. There are whole nations, in which wine is regarded as food and taken gets," the Delegate is quoted as saying; "and what the Delegate wants is rewith every meal. The large majority of persons in the United States, and ferred back to the Governor. If this thing goes on I shall resign and return everywhere else, who drink wines and even stronger fiquors, are not drunkards, home. There is nothing for me in being a figurehead." And it is further said,

not familiar with the fact that every new man in Congress is expected to be beyond doubt. Those who use malt, vinous and more heavily charged alcoholic Kuhio's during his first term. A man may have high influence at home but it liquors can be distinctly classified. One class has been already mentioned. A great many men and women, who show no conspicuous signs of alcoholism, acquaintances for him and facilitates his work in the departments. Mr. Liver
week. for a time. To be seen and not heard, to learn and not try to teach, these are the golden rules for the new member even though he has been a Prince in his

I think well of Kuhio. He is the only man of pure native blood I ever met system is often broken down, and paresis and various kinds of brain trouble are who thinks as a white man does on most grave matters. Steadiness of purpose, patience, firmness of character are tests by which most natives fail; but I hope The types so far noted all are, or may be, consistent with formal obedience lican can be stand pat? That is a crucial question. If he can, then, by grace of to external law, with an outward observance of conventionalism, with the exer- all his qualities, he is the leader for whom the native people have long been cise of business capacity and with home life of some degree of propriety. It is waiting; if not then he must, sooner or later, disappear in the kaleidoscopic crowd of everyday native politicians for whom the future will be scant of honors

Judge Little is said to be a candidate, either in person or by proxy, for society or the public is wholly ignorant, except when some tragedy lights up the delegate to the Republican National Convention. It elected he would consider the light and at Chicago would try and director. He is unable to give his time to the duties. It was also decided to call a meeting of the stockholders of the Kamalo Sugar Co. for a week from of the excessive use of stimulants. In every community there are habitual use his position to work matters around to his advantage. Hilo, on this issue, Tuesday at which the future of the company will be decided. The directors have drunkards, with no will power and bare scintillations of moral consciousness, presents the usual line of political cleavage with some variations. Many of those who supported Little in his bitter but futile attacks on the Republican neighbors, and a constant eyesore to the public. There are also many individuals, who do not see why Hawaii should endure more years of misconstrued law for his plan. not unknown in the higher walks of life, who are clean, decorous, industrious and on the bench, to the vast detriment of litigants and simply to keep old wounds useful for months or years together, but, either irregularly or at periodical in- open, are in favor of a change. Ranged with this progressive element are the tervals, break into the wildest debauches, ranging from a few days or weeks to men who have stood by the results of annexation and have always opposed Little as a carpet-bagger, a disturber and a humbug. Who will win in the months, in which their whole natures and habits seem to be changed, so that, matter of the convention delegate I can't guess at this distance; but I know unless they have the instincts and the means of isolation, or in the rare instances who won't get the judgeship again. That's Little.

Speaking of delegates I note an appeal from an exiled Tammanyite to the whose actions revolt the inner decencies of mankind. In this last class, unless Republican party of Hawaii to send a crack orator to Chicago along with the arrested in their downward march by a great disaster or by a sudden irruption rest, some Hawaiian Chauncey Depen. And then as an anti-climax he mentions of the divine element, the periods of sobriety become further and further apart. Humphreys. Of course he doesn't mean Humphreys, whose most admiring friend. the one whose face he sees in the glass every morning, never flattered him into the belief that he was a spellbinder. The Tammanv man, whose modesty is a blessing too much disguised to be apparent, must have meant himself. However, if either one were able to make the eloquent Chauncey sound like a crier Throughout any possible classification of drinkers, who overstep the limits, of clams, he wouldn't be required in the Hawaiian delegation, a body which of intelligent, educated and clean humanity, one broad line of demarcation is plain will need an angel to pay its bills more than it will an orator to express its sentiments. Hawaii, men and brethren, is not going to have the center of the O stage at Chicago. Its shrill and childish treble, should it be raised, will not be heeded by a chairman whose ears are stunned by the shouting of the captains, An orator to be heard in a national convention must have a state behind him or must at least represent some constituency which holds the balance of power. As for Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Alaska and Hawaii they will have to germ of spirituality, who is conscious that one drink will overcome his morality, for not one of them will get the attention of the President-makers for a speech.

> When the Hawaiian planters realize their power to fight the sugar trust as during the boom. What we all need is to learn the gospel of helping ourselves. No one ever made anything by sitting down and waiting for the cow of fortune

Those who nave come in contact with Sixto Lopez here regard him as a most interesting personage. Although he declined on arrival to be interviewed for and he claims to be the only politician in the family. He, is not enamored of Where the will is insensible and appetite has become supreme, the State American rule, though accepting the situation, and thinks his people fared better under Spanish rule. His hope is not in sedition, but he would like the Philippines to be granted like freedom with Cuba.

Senor Lopez stands up strongly for his countrymen. They are persistently that they are not lazy and treacherous, but on the contrary industrious, thrifty and good living people.

years ago next May, and at the same time issued an eloquent appeal to American

The toothpick brigade is a conspicuous element aboard the Rapid Transit initiated into the brigade organization the well-seasoned members are a source When the whole drink question is considered in all its aspects, and without of curiosity and enlightenment. As corner after corner is reached, the members, ignoring its collateral results in positive crime, in degradation and in individual just risen from luncheon, board the cars and, according to by-laws and constitu-

There is an unusually large Hawaiian policeman on the force who never fails to attract the attention of strangers. This is Palenapa, weight 265 pounds, age twenty-four years. Palenapa is a tower of strength, and one of his amusements when offenders of the law become obstreperous, is to take a couple of them by the collar and start toward the station. Palenapa merely holds them out at to use a little wine for his stomach's sake, and when, in many places, the moderate dolls. Occasionally the feet of the offenders clear the ground, and on their enjoyment of all things in existence was recommended, man was treated as a making outcries Palenapa is surprised to find that he has lifted them a little reasonable and a social being, capable of self-restraint and even of asceticism when too high. When Palenapa went on the force two or three years ago he could desirable for the sake of his fellows. But, against every form of excess, the speak only a few words of English, and understood less. One day two soldiers Biblical anathemas are the texts of every lecturer against intemperance. The respective texts, when combined, supply an exact rule for life, the literal accity you have. Mr. Officer." Palenapa turned hugely around and looked upon curacy of which science and experience alike recognize. Reason and conscience them as a mastiff does a pair of puppies. He gazed at them superciliously and turned away without a reply. The soldier again said something else nice about There is too much indulgence in drink in some parts of our territorial population, which is decimating the yielding victims in one race at least, in which the Herculean policeman. On the opposite side of the street a police captain was entire American people are deeply interested. The city of Honolulu is open watching the proceeding. The soldiers inquired of him as to what might be the the result. Moderation, and in many instances complete abstention from stimuwere trying to be friendly. Palenapa thereupon beamed his best on the soldiers

# COMMERCIAL NEWS

A meeting of the Irwin plantations has been called for Monday to consider the extension of the present agreement with the sugar trust. Practically all of the other plantations in the islands have already voted to extend the term of their present contracts for a period of two years, and the Irwin plantations are expected to follow suit at tomorrow's meetings,

The present contracts which Hawaiian plantations have with the trust call for the current market price for raw sugar on the date of its delivery in New York, provided it is up to the required test. The present extension of the agreement is for the term of two years. The plantation meetings scheduled for tomorrow are those of the Waimanalo Sugar Co., Hilo Sugar Co. and the Olowalu

#### THE STOCK MARKET.

There has been but little doing on the local stock market for the first week of the new year, and brokers do not expect anything better for several weeks. Although as a rule stocks are weak, there is a general feeling that some improvement is about due. Ewa is still offered at par, and there are still buyers in the market. Rapid Transit is one of the stocks most in demand, due in a great measure to the recently declared dividend of one per cent, and the hope that this presages a regular annual dividend of eight per cent. The annual meeting of the Honolulu Rapid Transit & Land Co. is scheduled for Tuesday morning, and the question will then be decided. In view of the extensions and other improvements it is hardly expected that the anticipated dividend will be paid.

The regular quarterly meeting of Brewer & Co. is scheduled for Wednesday, at which time the dividend to be paid for the next three months will be decided upon. A director in the company said yesterday that the two per cent monthly dividend would hardly be continued for the next three months. It is the practice of Brewer & Co. to go slowly for the first months of the year and make up the annual dividend in the closing quarters of each year. The company is in the best of condition.

There were sales during the week of McBryde at \$3.50 which is a slight advance over the old price. Honokaa sold during the week at \$13, which is the old price. Sales of the same stock, some 300 shares, have been reported on the San Francisco market at \$12.50. The strongest San Francisco stock at present is Hawaiian Commercial, which is steady at \$44.25. There have been recent sales

#### THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

County government was inaugurated Monday without serious results, as far as it has gone, although the Territory comes from the change in poor shape. The decision of the Supreme Court is still being anxiously awaited and there is a good deal of difference of opinion as to just what this will be. If the county law declared invalid that will mean an end to county government for the present-

ope with reservations, that when Kuhio comes back he will be a Home Ruler. The Delegate is young, a very recent American indeed, and he is perhaps Oahu. The local board is going ahead very slowly until the Supreme Court familiar with the fact that every new man in Congress is expected to be

### COUNTY TREASURY DEPOSITS.

What is interesting bankers more than anything else just at present is the amples. Others, who do not become apparently intoxicated, are nevertheless so he presumed, in the first few months of his senatorial career, to assert himself county funds. The county law, differing from the territorial law, permits the deposit by the treasurer of funds in his hands, but only with the approval of the Board of Supervisors. The county act provides:

Section 85. The County Treasurer shall keep all moneys received by him disbursed according to law. He shall not place the same in the possession of any person, for any purpose; nor loan or in any manner use or permit any person to use the same, except as provided by law, but nothing in this Section shall pre-clude him with the approval of the Board from making special deposits for the safe keeping of public moneys; but he shall be liable therefor on his official bond.

The Supervisors object to the deposit of all county money in one bank, as do the banks not favored. For the first few months, however, there will be very little money to squabble over, although in November there may be three or four hundred thousand dollars subject to deposit.

#### KAMALO MEETING.

A meeting of the directors of the Kamalo Sugar Co. was held yesterday in the office of J. A. Magoon, at which G. W. Burgess resigned as president and everal propositions before them, one of which is that of Edmunds, the promoter, 1.e proposes to put the property in sisal, tobacco and small crops if the stockholders agree, and he claims to have the consent of nearly all of the stockholders

### MISCELLANEOUS

The annual meeting of the Nahiku Sugar Co. has been called for Friday, January 15th. A pro forma meeting of the Kihei Plantation Co. has been called for next Friday, but it will be adjourned without further action until March 1st, at which time reports will be presented.

The Rapid Transit has the Beretania street track down, almost to Piikoi street. The sale of the Macfarlane ranch, which was set for yesterday, has been postponed for a week. The Portland Cigar Co. has purchased from N. O. Fisher the leaseholds, buildings, etc., at the corner of Union and Hotel streets. The purchase price is given at \$11,200.

The Honolulu Photo Supply Co. will be carried on in the future by John T. Warren, F. J. Church having withdrawn from the partnership. 

## STEVENSON POEM

(HITHERTO UNPUBLISHED.) 

Robert Louis Stevenson, while living under the palms at Waikiki beach, left many rhymes with his friends, bright, pretty promptings of his regard for people he knew here. In 1889 he was the guest of Henry Poor at Waikiki. Mrs. Caroline Bush, formerly Mrs. Poor, celebrated her birthday on March 3 of that year. In the early morning Mrs. Bush arose and upon entering the lanai saw a number of little birthday packages on a table among which was a small pamphlet tied with crimson ribbon. On the cover was the inscription, "Caroline Bush, March 3. 1889," in typewritten letters.

Opening this she found a birthday poem dedicated to her, composed of four stanzas and adorned with the autograph of Robert Louis Stevenson. This was Stevenson's birthday contribution, which he had written overnight, and quietly dropped on a lanai table. The poem has been carefully treasured, although after thirteen years, the manuscript is yellow with time.

The verses, which, as far as Mrs. Bush is aware, have never appeared in print before, are as follows:

> Dear Lady, tapping at your door, Some little verses stand, And beg on this auspicious day To come and kiss your hand. Their syllables all counted right, Their rhymes each in its place, Like birthday children, at the door They wait to see your face. Rise, lady, rise and let them in.

Fresh from the fairy shore, They bring you things you wish to have, each in its pinafore. For they have been to Wishing Land This morning in the dew, All, all your dearest wishes bring-All granted-home to you.

What these may be, they would not tell, And could not if they would; They take the packets sealed to you As trusty servants should But there was one that looked like love, And one that smelt like health, And one that had a jingling sound I fancy might be wealth.

Ah, well, they are but wishes still; But, lady dear, for you I know that all you wish is kind I pray it all come true ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

## NUMBER ON PAPER MONEY.

"If any one comes up to you and wants to bet you that they can tell whether the number on any of Uncle Sam's paper money is odd or even by looking at that part of the bill on which the number does not appear, shun him as you would the plague," said a guest at the Hotel McKay last night.

"Why? What is the joke? asked another guest.
"Only this," replied the first." I was out this afternoon with a number of men with whom I have business dealings. We ate lunch and then one man vanted to bet me that he could call the even or odd on the number of any bill had, the loser to pay for the lunch. I took a bill from my pocket, folded it so that the number did not show and after he had looked at it he said 'Even.

"It was even. Soon afterward I got stuck for the cigars the same way. After I had been done four or five times they explained to me that all of the bills enough already. If it were "wide-open," our staid citizens would be shocked at the result. Moderation and in many instances complete abstention from stimus. The captain crossed over and explained to Palenapa that the soldiers and of the city. The captain crossed over and explained to Palenapa that the soldiers are deeply interested. The city of the city is from the left hand. marked 'A' and 'C' were odd, while those marked 'B' and 'D' were even. It cost about \$6 to find it out, but I guess it was a good investment at that. It is the eries letter in front of the number, but hunt for a small letter on the left hand side of the bill."-Duluth Evening Herald.